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Salinger Disputes Castro Story

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger yesterday denied a report attributed to Fidel Castro that President Kennedy hinted to Russia the United States might invade Cuba.

Castro was quoted by French journalist Jean Daniel as saying President Kennedy told Soviet Premier Krushchev's son-in-law, Alexi I. Adzhubei, editor of Izvestia, that Mr. Kennedy, in effect, advised Russia not to intervene and reminded Russia that the United States did not intervene in the 1956 Hungarian revolt.

Salinger said he attended the Kennedy-Adzhunbei luncheon at the White House in January 1962 and that Mr. Kennedy flatly denied that the United States intended to invade Cuba.

The President's mention of Hungary was to indicate how important the Soviet Union considered Hungary at the time of the rebellion, Salinger said.

Daniel had an off-the-record meeting with Mr. Kennedy Oct. 24, which he reported in detail in an article for L'Express and the New Republic. The article was reprinted in The Washington Post yesterday.

Daniel later flew to Cuba to interview Castro, and reported to him his conversation with Mr. Kennedy.

Salinger said he was sure Mr. Kennedy did not intend Daniel to act as a messenger to Castro.